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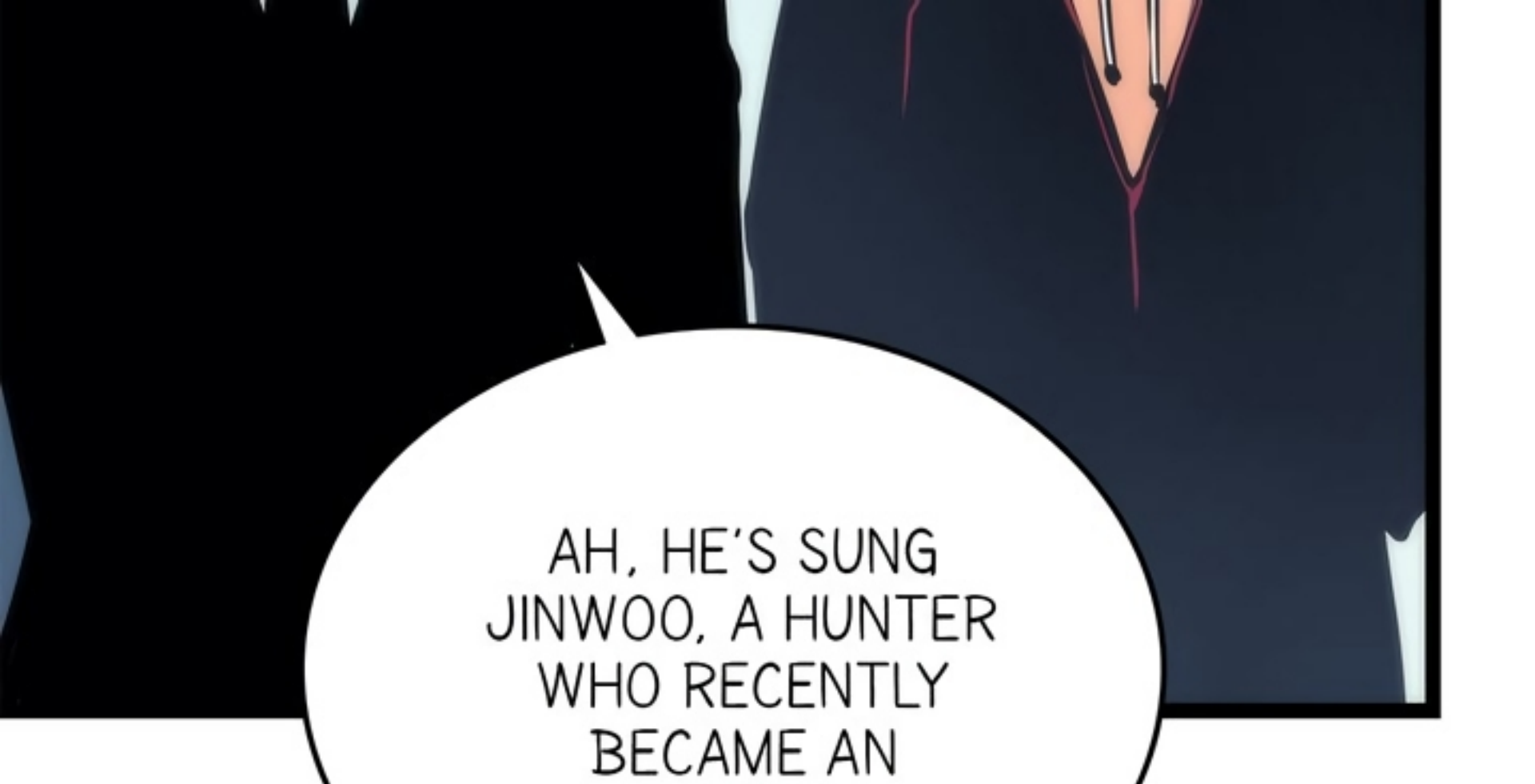
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AH, HE'S SUNG JINWOO, A HUNTER WHO RECENTLY BECAME AN S-RANK.

IS HE AN ASSASSIN-TYPE HUNTER?

BUT EVEN IF HE WERE, HIS PRESENCE CANNOT EASILY BE HIDDEN.



A man with a large nose and a slight smile is looking out a window. In the background, three people are standing on a balcony.

HE MUST BE QUITE AN EXCEPTIONAL ASSASSIN.

PARDON? HE'S A MAGE-TYPE HUNTER, SIR.



A woman with short black hair, wearing a black suit, white shirt, and black tie, is looking up and to the left.

A MAGE-TYPE?

THAT'S NOT
POSSIBLE...

IT'S
BEEN OFFICIALLY
CONFIRMED.

LOOK
WHO'S HERE.

ISN'T THAT SUNG
JINWOO, THE GUY WHO
RUINED MINSUNG'S
DEBUT?

SUNG
JINWOO?

I KNEW IT... HE'S
THE REASON THE AIR
FELT DIFFERENT.



KEI, THAT HUNTER
OVER THERE IS SOUTH
KOREA'S 10TH S-RANK
HUNTER.

DON'T TALK TO
ME, ISHIDA.

I FEEL LIKE THROWING
UP BECAUSE OF ALL THE
S-RANKS GATHERED
HERE.

I SEE THERE'S
A SOUTH KOREAN
HUNTER WITH A NOSE
AS SENSITIVE AS
MINE.

SHE'S ONLY
USING A HANDKERCHIEF,
THOUGH... SHE MUST
BE A FEW TIERS
BELOW ME.

IF I TRY AND STRIKE
UP A CONVERSATION,
WOULD SHE THINK I'M
HITTING ON HER?

IF ONLY
I HAD LEARNED
SOME KOREAN
BEFOREHAND...



THESE HUNTERS
ARE CONSIDERED
SOUTH KOREA'S
STRONGEST?

THEY'RE
MEDIocre AT
BEST.

YOU THINK SO?

MR. GOTO, I'VE BEEN
WATCHING YOUR RAIDS
FROM THE SIDELINES FOR
QUITE SOME TIME NOW.

PERHAPS THIS IS THE
REASON WHY I'M NO
LONGER IMPRESSED
BY S-RANKS.

I CAN'T SAY
I AGREE WITH
YOU.

THERE SEEMS TO
BE ONE NOTABLE
HUNTER OVER
THERE.

CHA HAE-IN,
WAS IT?

CHA HAE-IN AND GO
GUNHEE. THESE TWO
WOULD GIVE OUR BEST
HUNTERS A RUN FOR
THEIR MONEY.

OI, MISS
INTERPRETER,
WHAT'D YA SAY
JUST NOW?

YA THINK THE
SOUTH KOREAN
HUNTERS ARE ALL
MEDIocre?

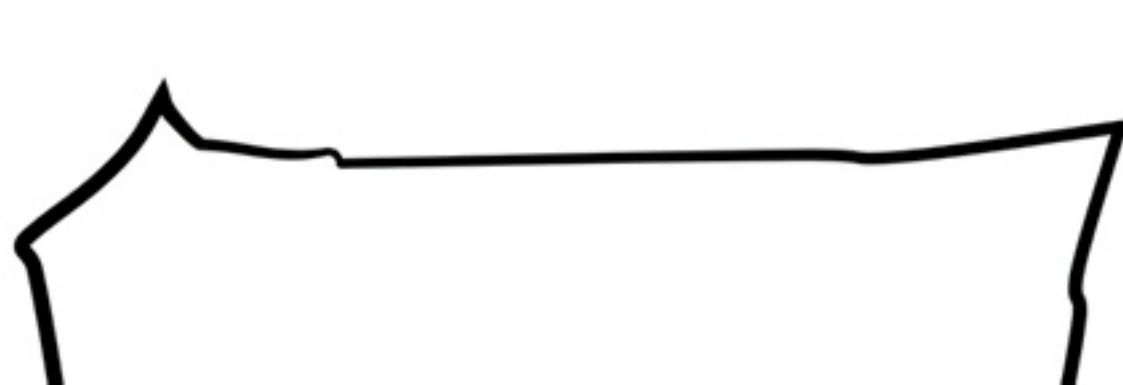
DID YA
THINK I WOULDN'T
UNDERSTAND 'CAUSE
YOU WERE SPEAKING
IN JAPANESE?

I'LL HAVE
YA KNOW THAT I
LEARNED JAPANESE
IN HIGH SCHOOL
AS MY SECOND
LANGUAGE.



AND YOU
ARE...?

THIS MAN RIGHT
HERE IS THE GUILD
MASTER OF THE
KNIGHTS GUILD!



**MR. PARK
JONGSOO!**



**PARK JONGSOO
(A-RANK)**
GUILD MASTER OF
THE KNIGHTS GUILD

PARK JONGSOO?
I'VE NEVER HEARD
OF YOU BEFORE...

W, WELL...
MR. PARK IS AN
A-RANK, NOT AN
S-RANK, SO MAYBE
THAT'S WHY YOU
HAVEN'T HEARD
OF HIM!

OUR GUILD IS
ONE OF THE FIVE
MAJOR GUILDS IN
SOUTH KOREA,
THOUGH!

AND OUT OF ALL
THE GUILDS, WE'VE
RECRUITED THE
LARGEST NUMBER
OF A-RANK
HUNTERS!

YOONTAE. THAT'S
ENOUGH SHOWING
OFF.

A SOUTH KOREAN
A-RANK HUNTER.

A RANK HUNTER?
HUH...?

WILL YOU BE
JOINING THE RAID
IN JEJU AS
WELL?

I THOUGHT ONLY
S-RANK HUNTERS
WERE ALLOWED TO
PARTICIPATE...



URGH...



HANEKAWA,
WHAT ARE YOU ALL
TALKING ABOUT
RIGHT NOW?

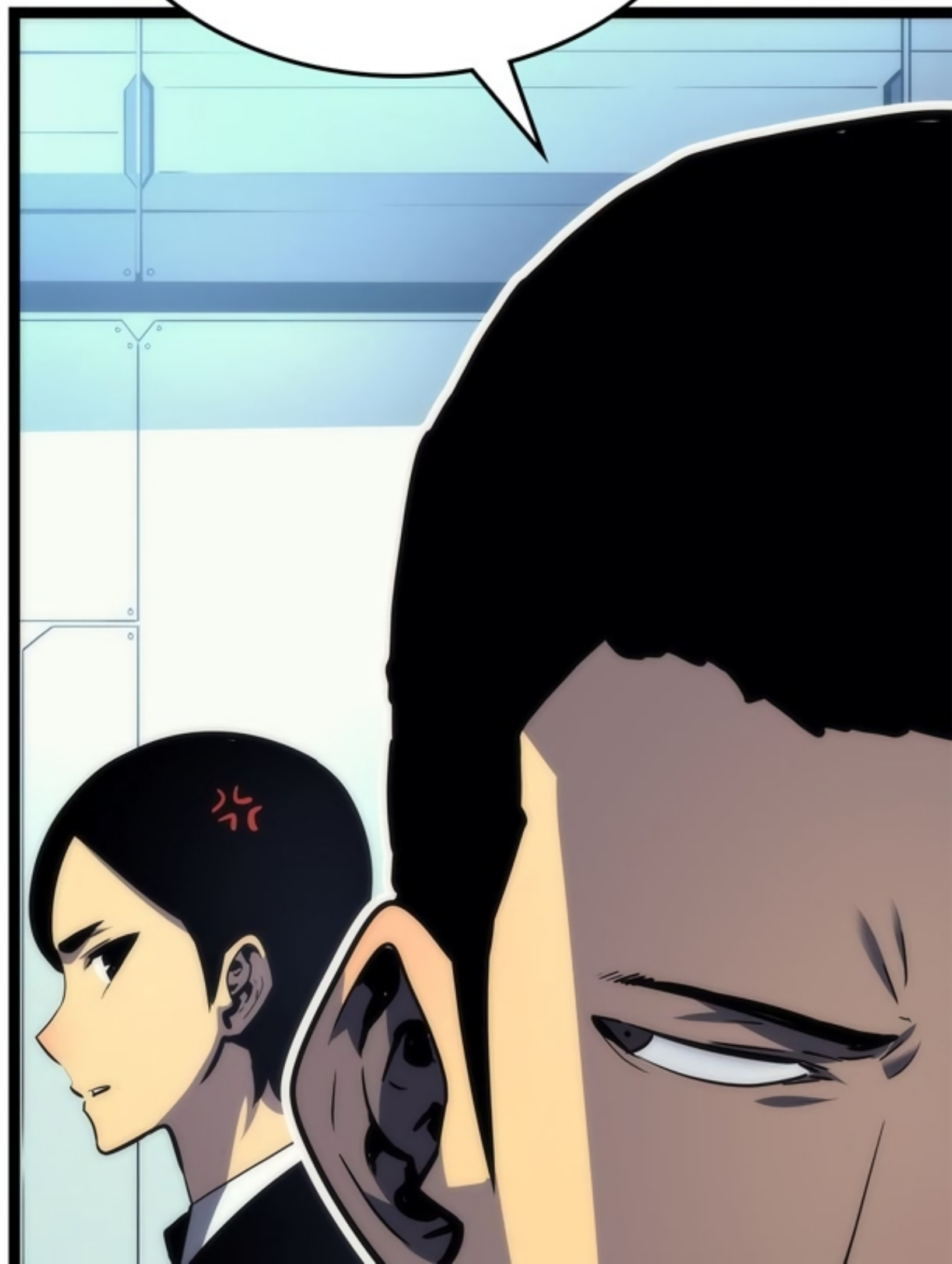
**MR. PARK IS ON THE
DEFENSE TEAM! HE'S
GONNA BE IN CHARGE
OF BLOCKING OFF
THE ISLAND!**

HMM, THAT'S
GOOD TO HEAR. CAN'T
ASSIGN AN IMPORTANT
TASK TO AN A-RANK.



HANEKAWA,
IF YOU'RE BEING
DISCOURTEOUS RIGHT
NOW, PLEASE STOP.

KNOCK IT OFF, WILL
YA? SHE'S JUST AN
INTERPRETER TAGGIN'
ALONG. WHAT WOULD
SHE KNOW?





WOULD YOU LIKE
TO TRY ME?

MY NAME IS
HANEKAWA AND I'M
AN A-RANK HUNTER
FROM JAPAN.

DON'T TELL ME
YOU CAN'T TAKE ON A
MERE INTERPRETER
THAT'S SIMPLY
"TAGGING ALONG."



FOR CHRIST'S
SAKE. LOOK, MISS
INTERPRETER.



ENOUGH WITH
THE DISSING.

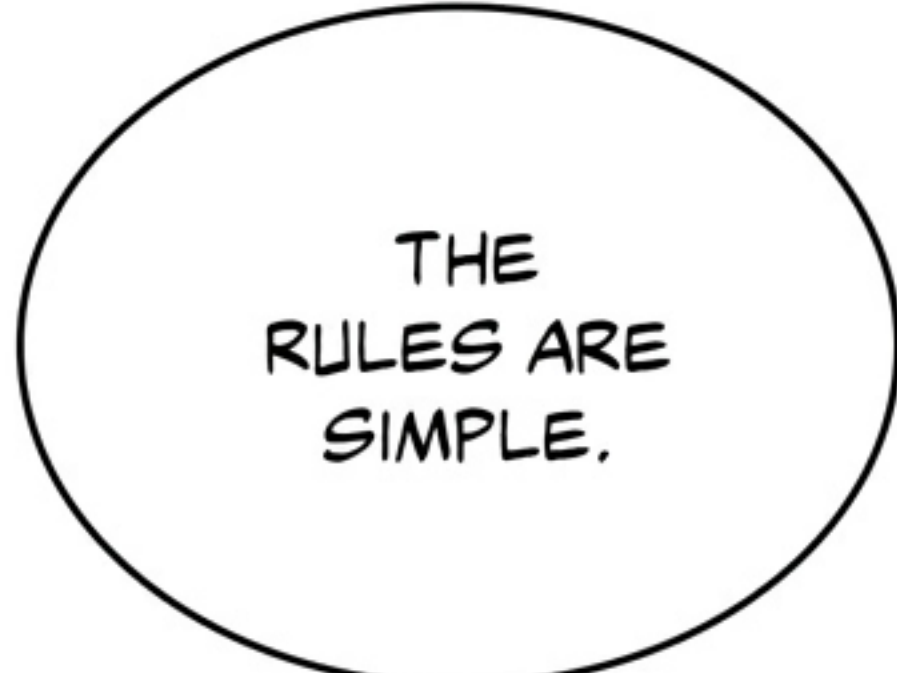
ARE YOU A
NON-COMBATANT
HUNTER?



A FIGHT
BETWEEN A
JAPANESE A-RANK
HUNTER...

...AND A SOUTH
KOREAN A-RANK
HUNTER?







**THE ONE
WHO GETS THEIR
WRIST CAUGHT
LOSES.**

EVEN IF I GO IN
THROWING PUNCHES
AT HIM, THE FIGHT
WILL BE OVER IF HE
GRABS ME.

LOOKS LIKE
I WON'T BE ABLE
TO ATTACK RIGHT
AWAY.



I GUESS WE'LL
HAVE TO PLAY MIND
GAMES WITH EACH
OTHER.

BY THE WAY,

***YOU CALL
THAT A READY
STANCE?***



DON'T YA WORRY,
I'M NOT GONNA TAKE
THIS HAND OUT UNLESS
IT'S TO GRAB YOUR
WRIST.

SO HE'S
CONFIDENT IN HIS
SPEED.

ALL RIGHT,
LET'S BEGIN.







WHAM



OH, FOR THE
RECORD, I DIDN'T
HIT YA.




IT WAS JUST A
LIL SHOVE.

YA KNOW WHAT
I'M SAYING,
RIGHT?

SORRY, BUT I'M
HAVING A HARD TIME
UNDERSTANDING
YOUR ACCENT.



OH, AND YOU LOOK
LAME TRYING TO ACT
ALL COOL IN THOSE
RIPPED PANTS.


?!


NOW'S MY
CHANCE!


SWOOSH

TOO SLOW, MISS
INTERPRETER.



IT ALSO SEEMS
LIKE YOU'VE GOT NO
ONE-ON-ONE COMBAT
EXPERIENCE.

HERE IN SOUTH
KOREA, WE RUN INTO
TROUBLEMAKERS
EVERY NOW AND
THEN,

WHICH MEANS WE
SOMETIMES HAVE
TO FIGHT OUR
OWN KIND.

WHEN WORSE
COMES TO WORST,
WE EVEN GOTTA KILL
'EM SOMETIMES.

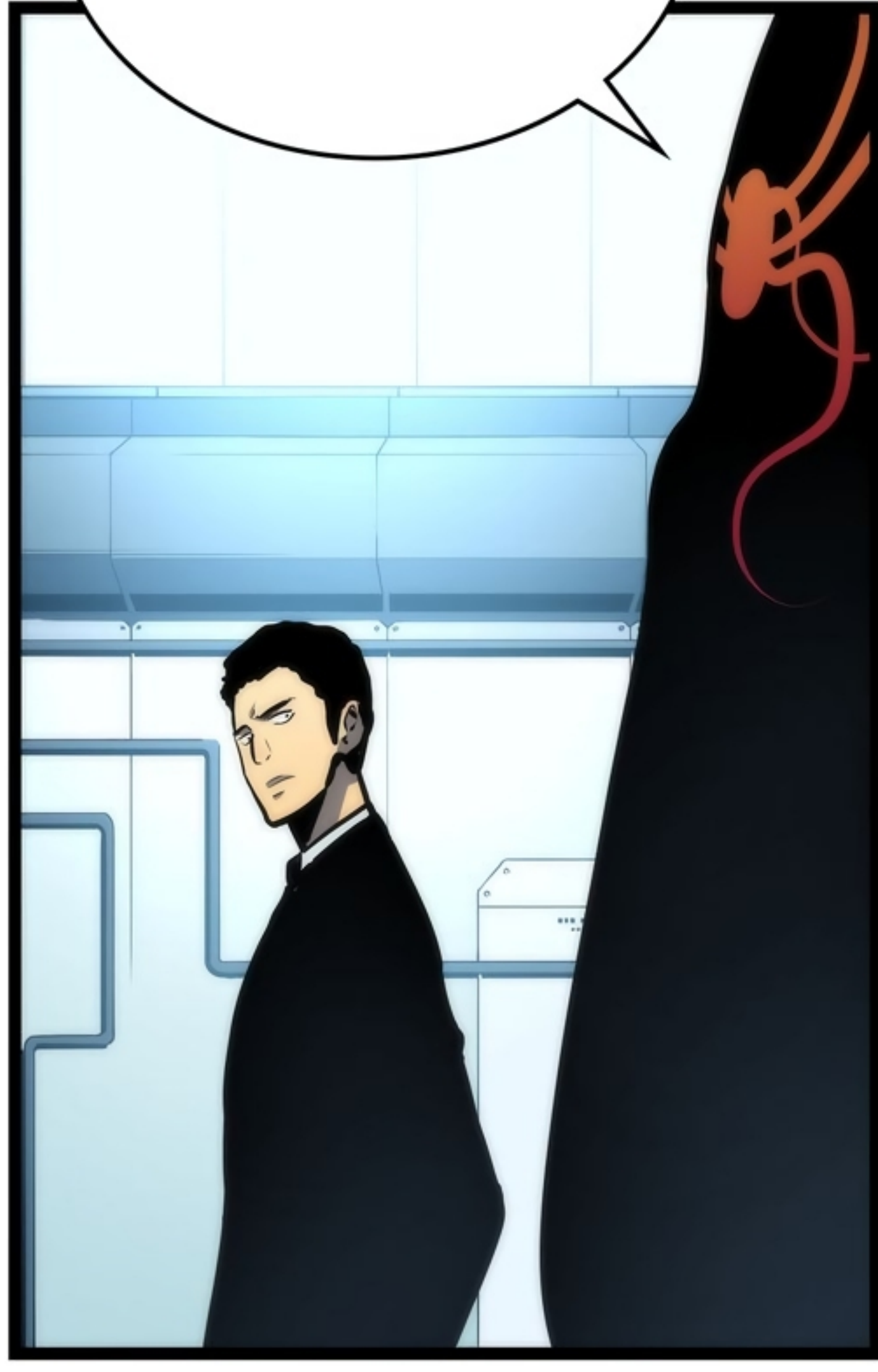
UNLIKE MAGIC
BEASTS, THE WAY A HUMAN
MOVES AIN'T SO SIMPLE,
SO YOU'RE DEAD MEAT IF
YOU CAN'T PREDICT YOUR
OPPONENT'S NEXT
MOVE.

IF I WERE WIELDIN'
A SWORD, I WOULD'VE
SLICED YOUR THROAT,
NOT YOUR WRIST.

SNATCH

...HMPH.

THANK YOU. WHAT
AN EXCITING MATCH
THAT WAS.



HANEKAWA, WOULD
YOU PLEASE RELAY MY
WORDS TO EVERYONE
HERE?

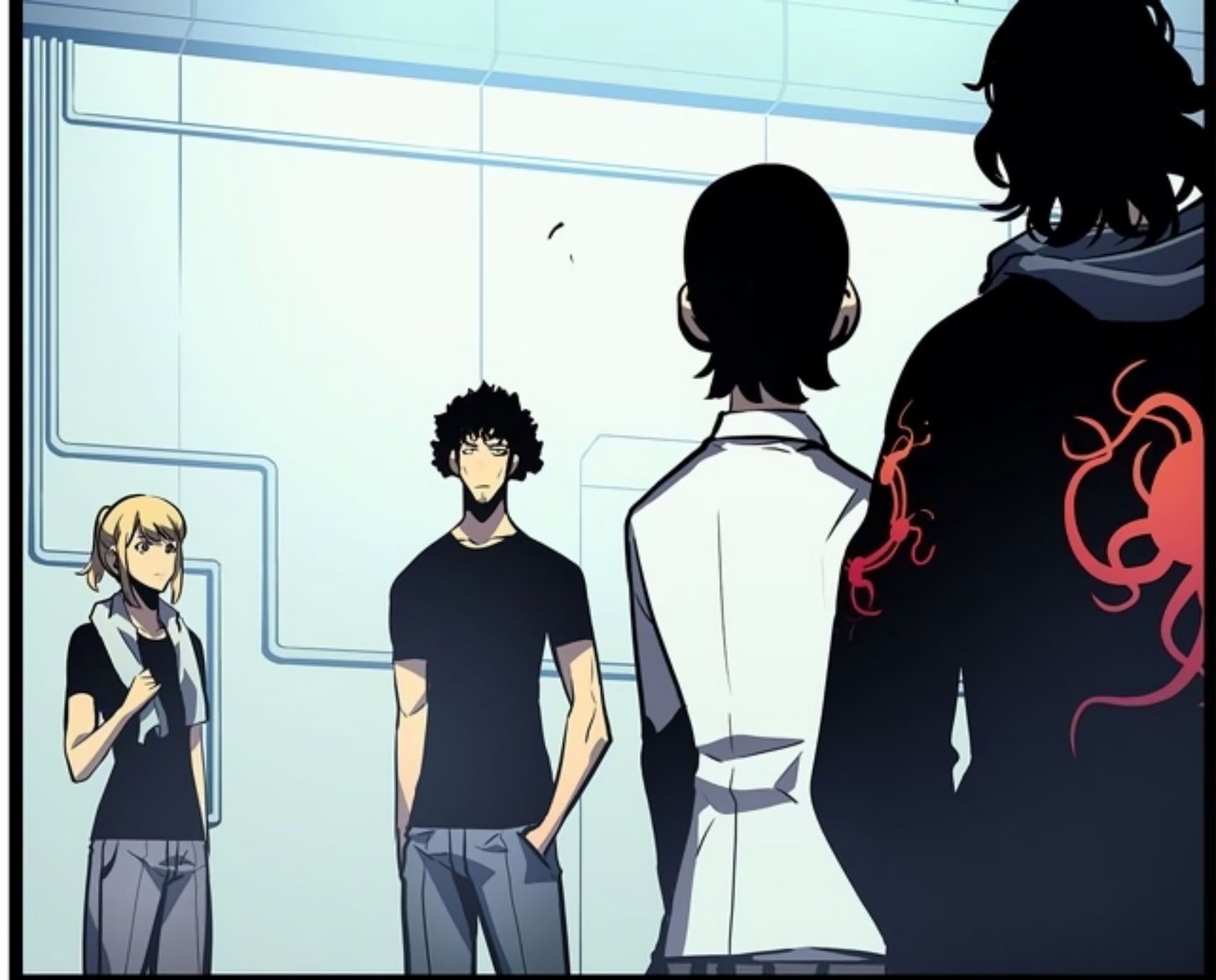


AH, OF
COURSE.

IN THE INTEREST
OF BUILDING TRUST
BETWEEN OUR TWO
COUNTRIES, I HAVE A
PROPOSAL FOR
YOU.

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WHAT DO YOU SAY
WE HAVE OUR S-RANK
HUNTERS...



...SPAR
ONE ANOTHER
ACCORDING TO THE
RULES USED JUST
NOW?

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I GUESS HE
WANTS TO SEE
HOW STRONG WE
ALL ARE.

SOUNDS
GOOD.

HOWEVER, LET'S
EXCLUDE THE MAGE-TYPE
AND NON-COMBATANT
HUNTERS, SINCE IT'D BE
DIFFICULT TO TELL
WHO WON.

LET'S ALSO ADD
A FEW MORE RULES
WHILE WE'RE
AT IT.

YOU WIN IF YOU TOUCH
YOUR OPPONENT'S
WRIST OR BACK, OR IF
YOU KNOCK THEM
DOWN.

LET'S ALSO HAVE
MULTIPLE HUNTERS GO
AGAINST EACH OTHER,
INSTEAD OF HAVING
ONE-ON-ONE
MATCHES.



SO THAT MEANS
YOU CAN'T PICK AND
CHOOSE YOUR OPPONENT.
HOW DOES THAT
SOUND?

WITH
THESE NEW RULES,
KNOCKING OUT ONE
PERSON WOULD BE
ENOUGH TO TURN
THE TIDES...

BUT THEN AGAIN,
THE ASSASSIN-TYPE
HUNTERS WOULD HAVE TOO
MUCH OF AN ADVANTAGE
OTHERWISE...



ALL RIGHT,
SOUNDS GOOD.

KOREA
WILL SEND OUT BAEK
YOONHO, MA DONGWOOK,
CHA HAE-IN, AND LIM
TAE-GYU.





WHO WILL
PARTICIPATE FROM
THE JAPANESE
SIDE?

TANAKA KENZO,
HOSHINO MINORU,
KUMAMOTO ATSUSHI,
AND TAWATA
KANAE.



JAPAN
WILL SEND OUT
THESE FOUR
HUNTERS.





KNIGHTS

- A GUILD THAT IS ACTIVE IN THE YEONGNAM REGION.
- OUT OF SOUTH KOREA'S FIVE MAJOR GUILDS, THE KNIGHTS RANK FIFTH.
- ALTHOUGH THE GUILD MASTER IS NOT AN S-RANK, THE KNIGHTS HAVE RECRUITED THE HIGHEST NUMBER OF A-RANK HUNTERS IN THE COUNTRY.

To Be Continued...

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